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DOCKET # 03-123

From: Jeanne Lavelle [JALavelle@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2006 4:02 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Thank you for the new VRS rules

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

March 28, 2006
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin Kevin Martin
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Kevin J. Martin Martin,

Thank you for your decisive leadership on July 14, 2005 accepting the National Association of the Deaf petition on captioning, adopting Video Relay Service (VRS) rules that will improve the quality of VRS and ensure that it moves closer to the goal of functional equivalent access to telecommunications, and clarifying that two-line captioned telephone service can be reimbursed by the TRS fund.

I am thrilled with the new VRS rules that the FCC passed to ensure that the service is brought closer to the goal of a functional equivalent telecommunications service. These rules will make our lives easier now that I can access the nation's telephone network using VRS, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and with a prompt response to my initial call. In addition, I look forward to using the VRS Mail feature to leave messages with my friends, family, and co-workers. I also look forward to new rules upgrading and enforcing the quality of captions on television.

However, I urge the FCC to continue to improve the speed of answer for VRS and to enforce FCC rules against blocking. I should be able to use any provider I want without interference from any other provider.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Lavelle
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From: Patty Trek [patty_trek@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2006 2:02 PM
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March 25, 2006
Commissioner Kevin Martin
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I want anyone who uses Relay to be able to use Relay anytime with anyone, using any Relay provider, just as two hearing people can call each other regardless of who is their telephone product/service provider.

Video and IM Relay have become valuable tools for my deaf friends. The traditional telephone (including TTY) is not practical for them. The use of Relay has made their work much more effective and I see they have become more productive. However, the value of Relay is limited because not everyone has access to that Relay product/service. Please end the exclusion of deaf and hard of hearing people from full access to telecommunications by requiring open interoperability and compatibility across Relay providers.

I want my friends to be able to make and receive Relay calls from anybody without any restrictions from Relay providers.

I look forward to the FCC acting quickly to implement rules ending blocking and requiring interoperability.

Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Patty Trek
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CC: Representative Thomas Reynolds
Senator Charles Schumer

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Senator Hillary Clinton

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From: Jill Moebus [jmoebus@usgs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 7:52 AM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Daniel Stacey
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Sincerely,

melinda bashen
40 S Van Dorn St Apt D219
Alexandria, VA 22304

CC: Representative James Moran
Senator John Warner

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Sincerely,

Sheri Farinha
4708 Roseville Rd Ste 111
North Highlands, CA 95660

CC: Representative Doris Matsui
Senator Dianne Feinstein

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Senator Barbara Boxer

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From: judy jonas [jjonas@verizon.net]
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It is important for deaf people to be able to use Relay anytime with anyone, using any Relay provider, just as you and I, two hearing people can call each other regardless of who is their telephone product/service provider. Imagine if you had to buy separate equipment just because you used ATT and I used Verizon as our carriers!

Video and IM Relay have become valuable tools for deaf people. The traditional telephone (including TTY) is not practical for many of the deaf people I work with as an interpreter. The use of Relay has made deaf people much more effective and they have become more productive. However, the value of Relay is limited because not everyone has access to an individual's Relay product/service. Please end the exclusion of deaf and hard of hearing people from full access to telecommunications by requiring open interoperability and compatibility across Relay providers.

Deaf people accept free Relay equipment and software from providers—not necessarily because they like a particular provider the most—but because it is free—and allows them to make calls I couldn't make before. While they appreciate the free equipment and software, they want to be able to make and receive Relay calls from anybody without any restrictions from Relay providers.

I am a hearing interpreter who paid almost \$200 for a D-link video phone and it is disheartening that people who own the Sorenson systems or other systems can't reach me without my giving them an ip address, which is always changing. What a nuisance! Imagine if your phone number kept changing!!!! That's what deaf people are subject to with the current lack of interoperability!

I look forward to the FCC acting quickly to implement rules ending blocking and requiring interoperability.

3/28/2006

Sincerely,

judy jonas
264 Gorden Dr
Paramus, NJ 07652

CC: Representative E. Garrett
Senator Bob Menendez
Senator Frank Lautenberg

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From: John DeLuca [jhdpsd@epix.net]**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2006 9:32 PM**To:** Commissioner Adelstein**Subject:** Require Relay Interoperability**RECEIVED**

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